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SUBJECT: PSI/MTCR: SUSPICIOUS CARGO BOUND FOR SYRIA

REF: A. STATE 030198

[1B.](#) STATE 5766

[1C.](#) (04) STATE 189403

Classified By: EST Counselor Robert W. Dry for Reasons 1.5 (b), (d), and (h).

- [11.](#) (S) Based on the request in Ref (A) cable for immediate action, morning of 19 February 2005, EST officer delivered demarche and non-pag. This demarche triggered a Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) action by the French Government, and French security and customs officials.
- [12.](#) (S) On morning of 20 February, EST officer received a call from Bertolotti, who informed that he had been in contact with French customs.
- [13.](#) (S) On morning of 22 February, EST Counselor re-contacted MFA MTCR POC Bertolotti for update of the weekend's investigation. Bertolotti
- [14.](#) (S) Bertolotti said that while he understands the Greek authorities plan to hold the cargo in question, he is unaware under what legal authority. Meanwhile, the French will conduct an inter-agency meeting during the afternoon of February 22 to discuss possible next steps. Bertolotti re Leach